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Subject: PW11.6 - Waterfront Trail - Proposed Contra-flow Bicycle Lanes on Waterfront Drive and Feasibility of Closing Gap on Lake Shore Boulevard West, between Norris Crescent and First Street
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Chair Jaye Robinson and members of Public Works & Infrastructure Committee:

I am writing to encourage you to vote to recommend to City Council the adoption of the staff recommendations for a Contraflow Bicycle Lane on Waterfront Drive; and a bi-directional cycle track on the south side of Lake Shore Boulevard West between Norris Crescent and First Street as detailed in PWIC Agenda Item 2016.PW11.6 (<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW11.6>) which is on the PWIC agenda scheduled for February 29, 2016.

As a recreational cyclist in the south Etobicoke precinct I have personal experience with the dangerous condition of the roadway here for cyclists.

As a sustainable city building advocate living in the south of Ward 30, I know that if this infrastructure is installed it will help commuters traveling from Etobicoke to the core of Toronto to work or play.

If one considers our recent experience with the Richmond/Adelaide Cycle infrastructure, cycling use increases 400% when safe infrastructure is available. The experience of Cities with good cycling infrastructure () shows that 30-40 percent of car trips can be replaced with cycling trips (all seasons). Thousands of trips back and forth from south Etobicoke to the Core every week day could be replaced by bicycle trips - thus freeing up near-by roadways for those who cannot make the switch due to their location or ability. Less vehicles on our roadways would also result in better flow of TTC vehicles.

This area is close enough to Toronto's west downtown that a good percentage of commuters could make the switch out of their cars and onto their bikes - if only there was a safe and direct route for them to do it on!

Sincerely,
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